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## Newark's Jealousy.

Some Newark politicians and Newark papers do not take kindly to the fact that a man from one of the suburbs of Newark is now and has been for a long time at the head of the county government. Essex county is the largest county in the State, and by reason of its proximity to New York city is one of the great and important counties in the United States, and it is a high and distinguished honor to be the recognized head of its government, and to have held that exalted position for a long term of years implies a remarkable degree of ability in the man who has been thus honored by the people of the county.

The Newark Sunday Call is one of the Newark papers that do not take kindly to a man from the suburbs holding the office of the Director of the Board of Freeholders. The Call would rather have a Newark politician at the head of the county government.

Despairing of ever defeating the popular choice of the people of the county for head of the county government and smarting under what it thought was a reflection upon Newark, the Sunday Call hit upon the idea of annexing Bloomfield to Newark and thereby making Director McGowan of the Board of Freeholders a citizen of Newark. In its zeal to capture for Newark so valuable a citizen of the county as Mr. McGowan, the Call boomed annexation and was ably assisted by Major Carl Lentz. Under ordinary circumstances the Call does not like Major Lentz, but in the scheme to capture Mr. McGowan the Call accepted Major Lentz's arm and extolled the major's work for annexation.

The Call probably said to the major "For more years than most men can remember the town of Bloomfield has sent to the Board of Freeholders, the Hon. Thomas McGowan."

The major probably informed the Call that the people of Bloomfield knew a good thing when they had it and would be likely to keep right on sending Mr. McGowan to the Board of Freeholders, and if the Call did not like such action it was up to that paper to devise some scheme for defeating it. The Call no doubt suggested annexation.

The major undoubtedly accepted the suggestion as a good one and Senator Bachelor got orders to get busy.

Way was the Call anxious to have Mr. McGowan enroned by Newark city limits?

The answer is obvious. The Call thinks Newark ought to have all the good things in the county, and that paper has a high admiration of Mr. McGowan, and in its issue of so recent a date as last Sunday it said: "For an innocent countryman with a mild way, Mr. McGowan has kept himself on top with an agility which can not be too highly admired. The largest institution of the county, with the most patronage and furnishing the most influence, is the county, asylum and it is Brother McGowan's pet enterprise."

Mr. McGowan's personal responsibility in the administration of Essex county government has been a large one. He has conscientiously felt that responsibility at all times and has endeavored to direct the affairs of the county along lines that would meet with the approval of the people of the county. The people of Essex county are proud of their county, they are proud of its institutions, and the people of Bloomfield are proud of the fact that one of its esteemed citizens was an influential factor in building up the great county.

**The Hoff Case.**  
County Physician Dr. McKenzie of Newark, and his assistant Dr. Siames of Orange, went to Mt. Olivet Cemetery Thursday afternoon, and in the presence of detectives from the county prosecutor's office, had the body of Thomas Hoff exhumed. The body was taken to Kountze's morgue in Orange where an autopsy was performed. Fractures of the skull were found which could have been produced by a hammer such as Basanik says he used in killing Hoff. An implement found by Chief of Police Collins and Officer Blum in Second River Wednesday was fitted to the wounds, but the result was not conclusive that it was the weapon used. The police are looking for a lead-headed mallet with a piece of window shade roller for a handle, which is the kind of weapon Basanik says he used.

## Memoranda.

To THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:  
Sir: As a former resident of your vicinity, I was very much pleased in reading your highly interesting article on the business career of N. Harvey Dodd, published in your issue of the 13th inst., as I was acquainted with many of the persons whose names you mentioned. Your reference to Samuel Benson as being among those who taught young Dodd when he was an apprentice, brings up some pleasant recollections of the man. I also was subject to the teasing disposition of Mr. Benson. He was manager at that time for Moffatt's rolling mill, which was situated in the deep gully on Bloomfield avenue, a short distance west of the Glen Ridge station of the Lackawanna Railroad. I had occasion to go to the mill many times on business for my father, and was always sure of receiving some good-humored pleasure from the jovial Mr. Benson.

Dr. Joseph A. Davis, who resided on Franklin street, just at the head of Washington street, was another jovial, whole-souled man, and all the boys in the towns of West and East Bloomfield liked him. I well remember the time when I attended school at the old stone school-house on the "Back road," as it was called then, but now known by the more pretentious name of Glenridge avenue. One winter day, when there was snow on the ground, Dr. Davis came along with his horse and sleigh just as the boys were leaving school, and he invited all of them who could to "catch on," and I can assure you that they were not slow in accepting the generous invitation. At that time Dr. Dodd (father of Hon. Amzi Dodd) and Dr. Davis were, I believe, the only practicing physicians in your vicinity, and their professional calls extended all over West and East Bloomfield, which kept them continually on the go.

Israel Crane—he was dubbed "King" by the young folks on account of his supposed immense wealth—kept a large dry goods and grocery store on the same road as the school-house, just north of the Montclair station of the Lackawanna Railroad. He also had in connection with the store one of the largest older mills in Essex county, which did a thriving business. It was the delight of the boys in the neighborhood to go into the land with the dragon flag, for interest in China is at present only second to interest in Brazil.

"Problems of the Panama Canal" by H. L. Abbott, is more of passing interest, and the "problems" are clearly set forth and well handled by a writer who knows his subject.

Below a large picture of George Frederick Handel (1685-1759) is a reading list covering the life and character of the composer as man and musician, the music festivals in London, the Handel revival in Germany, and particularly noticing the oratorio of "The Messiah" which is soon to be repeated in Bloomfield.

## Town Finances.

In the annual report of the comptroller of the State treasury for the year ending October 31, 1905, appears the following statement of the financial condition of the town of Bloomfield:

Amount of funded debt—\$398,500.  
Composed of—Bonds.  
Rate of interest on funded debt—4 per cent.  
Principle for which contracted—Buildings, sewers, water, fire and schools.  
Falls due—\$2,500 of sewer bonds and \$3,000 of other bonds, each year; all others between 1919 and 1926.

Amount of floating debt—\$1,400.  
Composed of—Notes and accounts receivable on floating debt—4 per cent.  
Purpose for which contracted—Town.

Falls due—On demand.  
Amount of floating fund—None.

Amount of real estate taxable—\$6,416,185.

Amount of personal property taxable—\$564,625.

Rate of tax levied—\$2.54 per \$100.

Amount of taxes raised and received from all other sources—

County taxes..... \$84,716.94  
School taxes..... 1,400.00  
State taxes..... 10,500.00  
Police..... 5,500.00  
Fire..... 5,000.00  
Road repairs..... 3,000.00  
Water supply..... 11,500.00  
Bonds and interest..... 14,000.00  
Interest State for schools..... 24,459.45  
Sewer connections..... 1,750.00  
Miscellaneous receipts..... 14,266.28  
Transferred from arrears of taxes to water account..... 11,668.61  
Unexpended balances 1904..... 14,480.04

Total..... \$218,190.23

Expenditures—

County taxes..... \$74,716.94

Schools..... 37,500.00

Street lighting..... 10,000.00

Police..... 12,000.00

Fire..... 3,000.00

Road repairs..... 4,873.00

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## Royal Arcana.

George W. Wood, J. Howard Hardcastle and William Krenich, past counsellors of America Council, No. 53, and Dr. S. C. Hamilton, grand counsellor of New Jersey Loyalty Association, were the guests of Newark Council No. 29, Loyalty Association, on Monday evening.

The next meeting of America Council will be held in Central Hall on Friday evening, the 26th instant, at which time the officers will be installed and several candidates will be initiated.

## Raid After Slot Machines.

Sheriff Sommers sent a group of court

house constables to this town Wednesday in search of slot machines. The constables seized three machines in different places here and they will be presented to the grand jury as evidence that gambling was carried on in the places where the machines were found.

The machines were of a new type known as "The Elk" make, and are designed to be manipulated from the counter.

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avenue. Most of us are either too busy or too

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of the proverbial shield to see whether

it is red or black, and so we sit still and

contend that the shield has only the

color that is in view from where we sit.

First, let us imagine that each and

every family in this broad land was

possessed of the real spirit of thrift—

every scrap of food utilized, every garment

worn to its last threadbare service

and passed on from parents to

children, and so on through the long

list of articles of use and consumption;

every available coin carefully put aside

for future need, and as few as possible

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This sounds like rankest heresy.

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